

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks/arguments.

Claim Status

Claims 1-45 and 47-48 were previously cancelled while claims 46, 49-56 are currently pending in the application. Claims 46, 49-52 were previously allowed while claims 53-56 were rejected by the Examiner in the Examiner's Office Action of March 26, 2003. No new claims have been added by this response.

Objection Raised in the Official Communication

The Examiner objected to the cancelled claims for not being listed in the "LISTING OF CLAIMS" section. A corrected section of the non-compliant amendment has been submitted in this response, listing all claims in the Applicants' application. Applicants believe that this correction is sufficient to overcome the Examiner's objection to Applicants' supplemental response.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and earnestly request such allowance. If the examiner has any questions concerning this response, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

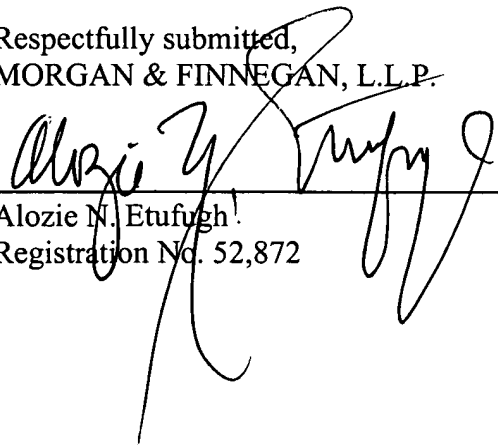
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or

credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 0140-4126US1.

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